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I am appaled at the proposed Microsoft Settlement. Allowing a monopoly to give away it's product is no way to help competition.

I am not a US citizen but this settlement affects all computer users.

A /far/ better solution is suggested at:  
<http://www.gnu.org/philosophy/microsoft-antitrust.html>

In short the points are:

- - Require Microsoft to publish complete documentation of all interfaces between software components, all communications protocols, and all file formats.
- - Require Microsoft to use its patents for defense only, in the field of software.
- - Require Microsoft not to certify any hardware as working with Microsoft software, unless the hardware's complete specifications have been published, so that any programmer can implement software to support the same hardware.

This would allow truly free competition.

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